United States for the 11 months of 1897 reached \$974,000,000. PENNSYLVANIA spent lest year 20,-000,000 on her public se'cools, and over

1,000,000 pupils were enrolled. THERE is a likelihood that American and English unions may amalgamate. Probably 15,000,000 men would be in

In Berlin 32 divorces are granted for every 1,000 marriages. After Berlin comes Hamburg with 27, while Paris is far behind with only 21.

CHICAGO will have an underground system of pneumatic tubes through which packages of every description can be shot to any part of the city.

LEWIS GEORGE CLARK, 86 years old, the original George Harris of Harriet Beecher Stowe's famous novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," died at Lexington, Ky., a few days ago.

A PAPER watch has been exhibited by a Dresden watchmaker. The paper is prepared in such a manner that the watch is said to be as serviceable ar those in ordinary use.

A MAP of Jerusalem in mosaic, over 1,500 years old, has been found at Madaba, Palestine. It was discovered in uncovering the ruins of an old church about to be rebuilt.

GERMAN archmologists have recently made and reported some valuable discoveries in Asia Minor, opposite the island of Samos. On the site of the ancient city of Priene they are uncovering the most complete ancient Greek city thus far known.

In the presence of Mayor Malstor and other representative citizens of Baltimore, Md., a practical test of the possibilities of the submarine boat, the Argonaut, designed by Simon Lake, of that city, for the purpose of locating sunken vessels, removing their cargo and raising them, was made the other day. The trial trip was in every way satisfactory, and was pronounced a success by all who went down with

Ar the sixth annual jack rabbit hunt at Lamar, Col., which recently took place there were 130 registered hunters in the field and 4.756 rabbits and 117 wild geese fell to their guns. The hunters came from everywhere, Boston, New York, England, Chicago, Kansas and one man from Kansas City. "If it wasn't for the annual rabbit hunt in Colorado," one of the hunters said, "the little beasts would eat up the state, body and bones, to say nothing of grain crops and fruit."

REV. B. H. E. IRWIN, an evangelist from Lincoln, Neb., recently held revival services in a church at Chambersburg, Pa. He created a sensation by his remarkable pulpit utterances. He condemned the use of tobacco and the wearing of whiskers, and predicted dire punishment for those who offendmeeting he condemned the wearing of feathers, and so worked upon the feelings of the women in his audience that their bonnets in sight of all in church.

According to the chief of the Pennsylvania state bureau of railroads the bieyele is hurting the business of railroads He says: "In cities like Harrisburg and many others it cannot be gainsaid that the bicycle has become a most serious competitor of the railway. To reinforce this view of the case an observation was made in that city covering two days. During that time 6,078 persons passed a given point, 1,962 in the cars and 4,116 on bleycles; 67.7 per cent. on bicycles and 82.7 per cent. on the cars, or more than two to one in favor of the wheel."

THE mint of Philadelphia is almost constantly engaged in turning out cents made of copper with a slight alloy of zinc and tin. The state of Pennsylvania alone absorbed 11,000,000 last year and New York 9,000,000. There is much curiosity about the final fate of these cents. Nobody is able to tell what has become of the hundreds of millions of cents issued by the mint since it began operations. It is rather a profitable business for the government, as it means the conversion of copper costing ten cents a pound into a form in which it is worth \$2 or more a pound.

THE Children's Aid Society of New York states that in 1867 there were 2,016 girls between the ages of !4 and 20 held for trial in the great city, while in 1896 there were but 618. In view of the increase in population of the city the number, in case conditions had not improved, would have been over 4,000. This improvement seems almost incredible. Increase of facilities for education and the formation of evening of the 18th. girls' clubs are credited as among the chief means contributing to the result. In the same period there has been an increase in the number of boys arrested.

THE Chicago Times-Herald says: And now some scientific sharp has solemnly warned a microbe-frightened public that the handshake must go. He says that "staphylococci" and all kinds of horrid things of that sort lurk around the human hand, ready to communicate diseases to whomsoever may come in contact with them. He adds that one who shakes the hand of another person is liable to eatch diphtheria, consumption, measles, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, or small-pox. If half a dozen others injured. Both enthe handshake disseminates quarter of the disagreeable things alleged it will have to go.

Iowa's standing as a fruit-producing state, now one of the highest in the west, is threatened, and a great property loss within the next few years is feared, according to reports made at a recent meeting of the State Horticulural society at Ises Moines about the San Jose scale. The reports came from all parts of the state. The scale is an insect originally found in Cali fornia which has recently come east. It is found that the insect is well established in Iowa and is spreading fast. The society concluded that unless its spread is checked at once it will destroy the orchard industry.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE nomination of Charles G. Dawes. of Illinois, to be comptroller of the currency, was confirmed by the senate. CARL SCHURZ was re-elected president of the National Civil Service Reform league at the meeting at Cincinnati on the 17th. A resolution was passed scoring the attempts of congressmen to repeal the civil service

DELEGATE CALLAHAN will make an effort this winter to convince congress that Oklahoma is deserving of statehood

This year?

Its winding paths are all untred,

Do you? Do I? Who wants to die

Who wants to die this year?

Do you? Do 1? Who wants to die

We use the moments, one by one Without much thought or fear

But oh, we have so little done!

Who wants to die this year? Do you? Do 1?

This year?

now, 'Twill be last year as well.

This year?

Who wants to die

This year?

This year?

And they may often lead
Where perfum'd flowers gayly nodSupplies for ev'ry need.
But other paths may lie between.

Our vision is not clear. Though grief and pain await, unseen, Who wants to die this year?

Each year's a book, with pages white, That we so blindly fill: One lies within our hands to-night,

To blot and mar at will.
With many secret faults indulged,
Tall stumbling-blocks we rear.
Our hopes and fears are all divulged;

God gave the years that still have come,

And we have called our own. They held unnumbered joys for some, Or else all joy had flown.

This year! Twelve fleeting months from

Twill be last year as well.

Eternity can yet enlow.

And all life's story tell.

Though short, or long, for us the time,
Our landscape bright, or drear,
The question holds both prose and rhyme,
Who wants to die this year?

Do you? Do 1?

Who wants to die

This year?

Ah, death will many millions seek!

h, are we living as we should?

Who wants to die this year'

Their hour must come in turn.
To-morrow, next day, week by week,
We'll of their goings learn.

We cannot stay, though stay we would, Our end may be so near!

Do you? Do 1?
Who wants to die
This year?
—Mrs. Findley Braden, in N. Y. Observer.

APPY New Year!"

onic she was sitting by

I had just gotten back to town. To

She is a very pretty young woman.

my surprise she looked at me indig-

nantly, and declined to return my

mode of expression. Her gray eyes

noted when opened with this particular

stare-or is it a glower-are not near

as lovely and fascinating as when

bright, pathetic, merry or sad, which

are their usual variations of expres-

And her mouth, which I have always

told Susan is her best feature, if com-

pressed as at present to accord with the

general severe tone of disgusted de-

pression pervading her face, loses at

least one-half its charm. Even the

wave of Susan's chestnut brown hair

seem to wear a rebellious air, indicative

of suppressed indignation at some one

"Happy New -" I began again, after

unfold the morning paper, which I

"Tom Waring, if you say that again

Why do women with a view to inspire

hit the side of a house, much less an in-

"I suppose your desire would be

dislocate the very handsome cover of

you would probably hit the bookense."

or did you impress on the donor you

wishing to see Herbert Cameron's il-

luminated volume-for I had recog-

In the capacity of elder brother and

guardian to a ferlorn little mite of an

orphan girl, I had watched over Suc

with tenderest care and solicitude for

According to my mlculation, if

any account, Susan was 21 on the 5th

of the month. But very likely, by a

feminine process of reasoning, it was

the book-land in the fire.

ering over her bonny face.

18 years.

panions.

tom of wishing a Happy New Y-"

having had time to read it all day.

from a pasteboard box on the table.

I naturally laughed.

greeting.

or something.

dividual.

60-odd miles away.

the fire.

I said, cheerfully,

to Susan, my sis-

ter, as I entered

the library, where

THE A. F. of L. convention at Nashville, Tenn., on the 17th adopted resolutions for the government ownership of telegraph lines, against anti-scalp ing legislation, for the appointment of factory inspectors and for an amendment to the constitution depriving courts of the power to set aside laws made by the people. The proposition to create a national department of labor was indersed and the federations stand against the principle of

compulsory arbitration was reiterated. PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has informed Chief Sargent, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, that he will accord a hearing to labor leaders before a new member is selected to succeed Col. Morrison on the interstate commerce commission.

THE nomination of Attorney General McKenna to succeed Justice Field on the supreme bench will not be acted upon by the senate until after the Christmas holidays.

Gov. Jones has commissioned Miss Emma Whittington, of Hot Springs, as an honorary colonel in the Arkansas reserve militia. This is the first appointment of the kind ever made in the state.

SENATOR CHANDLER, of New Hampshire, has published a letter in which he deprecates any action on the currency question and advises congress to await the progress of international bimetallism. He thinks it will be political suicide for the republican party to do anything on the subject at present.

THE commissioner of pensions appeared before the senate committee on civil service, which is conducting an investigation into the operations of the civil service system, and gave testimony adverse to the system. He thought some reform would have to be enacted or the country would have the infliction of a civil service list.

THE house committee on currency will have something more to consider besides the financial scheme of Secretary Gage, every member having a plan, which will be perfected during the holidays, and all phases of the currency problem being treated.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR. Josian M. Quincy, democrat, was re-elected mayor of Boston on the 21st. THE civil service law was considered at the cabinet meeting on the 21st and, while no definite policy was outlined, it was determined to maintain the principle of the law.

DELEGATES of the Cherokee and Creek Indians at Washington held a conference on the 21st and decided on a course of action on January 1, when the tribal courts are to be abolished. They will instruct the tribal courts to sit as usual and if they are stopped by the United States authorities the case ed in those two matters. At his last will be carried to the supreme court for a decision as to the constitutionaltv of the law.

THE president has determined to ne of them tore the feathers from carry out his original purpose of nominating Charles P. Bryan, of Illinois, to be minister to China. The nomination will be sent to the senate after

the holidays. MISS LIDA HERRERT, the daughter of ex-Secretary Herbert, committed suicide at Washington by jumping from a window. She was despondent because she had met with an accident by falling from her horse which promised to cripple her for life.

GEN. A. B. CAMPBELL, ex-adjutant general and ex-chaplain of the state's prison of Kansas, committed suicide in a hotel at Chicago by taking morphine.

THE American Missionary associa tion made public at New York on the 20th its 51st annual report. It showed that hundreds of students had been turned away from its schools for want of funds. The receipts from the differ ent sources for the year were \$401,

371.08. THE American Federation of Labor on the 18th re-elected the following officers: President, Samuel Gompers; first vice president, P. J. McGuire; sec retary, Frank Morrison; treasurer. George B. Lennon. Kansas City, Mo., was chosen as the next meeting place.

Ar a bull fight at Gaudalajara Mex. the bull jumped the barrier and charged the spectators. Three persons were gored to death and nine injured. were also hurt in the panie which ensued. THE store of the Mermod & Jaccard

Jewelry company at St. Louis was destroyed by fire on the 19th, together with the Model Cloak company, the former sustaining a loss of \$335,000 and the latter \$50,000.

ASHLAND, Va., reported a slight shock of earthquake at 6:45 o'clock on the

PITTSBURGH, PA., is trying to get the G. A. R. encampment to meet in that city in 1900 and to take part in the dedication of a grand soldiers' monument to cost in the neighborhood of

THE assistant secretary of the interior has ruled that a soldier's widow has a right to prosecute to a final adjudication a claim for a pension filed by her deceased husband if the claim is rejected and the husband dies before appealing from the commis

sioner of pension's action. A TRAIN on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad rap into an extra train near Clinton, Ind., the other morning and three employes were killed and gines were badly wrecked, the baggage car was thrown down an embank ment and the mail car smashed.

HIGHWAY robberles occur daily and nightly in St. Louis and so general has become the alarm that a tremendous sale of firearms has been started. Judges Stevenson, Penbody. Wood and Withrow recently declared that robberies and assaults had come to be of so frequent occurrence that no one was safe, and that no person could be

blamed for going armed A TROLLEY car at Philadelphia, while descending a hill, got out of the control of the motorman and dashed into a horse car. The stove was upset and the wreckage caught fire and burned. Many passengers were serihad gone radically wrong with that came up to her. She had ensconced herself amid a lot

Who Wanks To Die of cushions on a big divan near by. and was looking at me with so queer an expression, half penitent, half sorrowful, and wholly puzzled, that I felt impelled to come to the rescue, alfresh, and sweet, though on principle and long-estab-This year that lished custom I intermeddled, not hav-Perhaps with happi-ness replete, Full play for all our pow'rs. ing a full confidence in and an admiration for that handsome child's capacity to properly conduct her personal affairs Success in all we un

The love of one grown dear.
And peace, and rest, for hearts that break;
Who wants to die this year?
Do you? Do I?
Who wants to die "May I inquire, sis, what your objection is to the good wishes of your friends, and why you desire to destroy that gift of Cameron's?" I inquired, poking up the fire. "Why, how in the world did you find

out he sent it?" asked Sue, in wideeyed surprise. I silently took the cover of the box, which lay on the table, and turned it

toward her. Her name, written in Herbert's big characteristic scrawl, was a sufficient explanation. "I am," said Sue, in a low and sub-

dued tone, edging close to me on her divan, "I am in an awful quandary! Something positively terrible! I have been half wild over it all day long; and

of decided strength of character, it der besitation soften her usual wit and objection to it."-N. O. Times-Demowas clear to perceive that something brilliancy of spirits whenever Cameron crat.

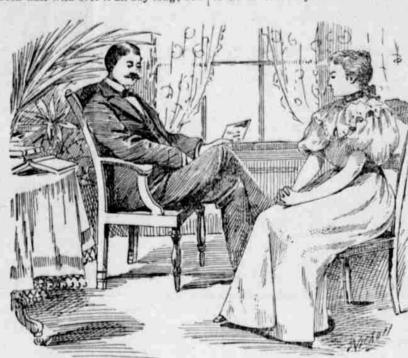
And where, in all the wide world, could any pature be found more true and lovable, more honest and straightforward or one more fascinating, from her changes and fluctuations of moods and spirits, than Susan Haversham

For the life of me I could not understand how a man in his senses could full to appreciate that little girl's immense superiority over Louise Morrison, that her astuteness. Two hideous traits.

isual rhapsodies and idiocies.

"It was in the first pages of the book," explained she, tearfully, "and, so you see, Tom, that was sent to me; so withher mouth, "it was by a mere accident I noticed Louise's name on the envelope. It fell on the floor with the address uppermost."

"Well, child," I said, "all you have to do is to notify Cameron of the ac-



"YOU OPENED AND READ THIS LETTER."

noon!"

with my unreasonable young sister, it seemed to me I hardly deserved her by the look.

But here, as in the matter of age, women have their own special way of Year's he will be looking around for a looking at things; and if they jumble up method of escape." "circumstances" with "volitions," "intent" with "necessity," it is doubtless full of graces and caprices, but is less pretty when she adopts her present drums of bread winning which force us to be more cautious in our apprecia-

tions and lucid in our inferences "Just so," I remarked, without at tempting an explanation of the why and wherefores of my enforced absence. "As I am here now, suppose you tell me what the trouble is, little one."

"It's awful!" again ejaculated Susan, impressively, and I began to believe it really must be, for there was just the suspicion of a dimness in her big, gray

I began to feel a dim, stern animosity awake in the bottom of my heart toward Cameron. If that man has caused any grief to my winsome, joyous pet I will neither forgive nor tolerate it, if human intervention is of any avail.

kissed Sue lightly and starting to "Awful!" I repeated, lightly, scanning closely Sue's lovely, flushed, perturbed picked up from the center table, not "What is the catastrophe which has befallen during my absence? Has a burglar carried off your diamonds! will pitch this at you," interrupted or have your dressmaker and tailor Susan, holding up a well-bound book spoiled your new gowns? Say the word which she had evidently just removed. and I'll cable to Paris and London."

"Neither, you silly boy," answered Sue. "It's worse. Just read that." Sue tossed over to me an open en fear or trepidation ever threaten to 'throw" an object, whether book or fixed on me a look of surprise and des-

ball, knife or scissors? Has it not pair. been recognized and established, down "Well," I said, turning over the mis-

it is not addressed to you." On the envelope was written in Cameron's abominable handwriting "Miss that book? You might aim at me, but Louise Morrison."

"That's exactly it," said Sue, tear remarked, drawing up the biggest fully. "I opened and read it!" I looked at Sue in astonishment. 1

and most comfortable chair in the room to the hearth, and ensconcing myknew her to be that exceptional thing self for an hour or two of lazy enjoya strictly and scrupulously honorable ment before dinner time, for I was young fellow-woman, I meant to say. rather fagged by my hurried journey The idea of Sue deliberately opening to and from Chichester, a small town her friend's letter, especially when she knew-well, never mind.

"Who sent it?" I inquired. "Did it I was now fully determined not to slam. come with any good wishes attached; tolerate Cameron's early and late visits any longer. I would not have him send radical objection to any polite ad-herence to the good and ancient cushothouse flowers to Susan, and lavish like attentions on Miss Morrison at one and the same time. We would inaugu "Don't you dare to say it," warned rate a new system with the New Year. Susan, holding up the destructive mis-"You opened and read this letter?"

sile with a gesture so very determined I asked, slowly, possibly with some that I abrubtly came to a halt, not slight severety, "when you knew it was not written to you?" Sue flushed deeply, and a look of

nized his handwriting on the cover of pained indignation swept over her face. "Why, Tom; who do you take me for? By this time Susan's eyes had lost Of course not! I thought it was for me, something of their strong aggressive- or I would never have broken the seal ness and a glint of puzzled laughter of the horrid thing! It's awful!" added was faintly discernible in their warm Sue, clasping her hands with a gesture depths, albeit a wistful shade was gathof despair.

"What's in It?" I asked, bluntly. "Read it," responded Suc.

"You must read it, Tom, to under stand and help me out. Louise will never, never forgive met and she will never, never believe that I did not open her hateful letter out of mean curiman's calculation in such matters be of osity." "Of that you may be very sure, my

dear child," I snid. This was not magnanimous, but I was all different. Maybe she was 19, maybe seriously annoyed at the absurd im-25 in the eyes of herself and girl com- broglio into which four people were be-

you were so mean as to stay away up cident, and let him try his hand at an to this hour-four o'clock in the after- effusive epistle to his lady love, or enclose this thing just as it is to Miss Now, considering that I had gone most Morrison and write her an honest exreluctantly on an urgent telegraphic planation of your error. To my mind, summons from an old invalid client the first would be the safer plan of (and a wealthy one), who desired, I the two. It would be a little awkward knew, some alteration in his will; that for you both, and will delay the ex-I had done without breakfast, so as to tremely ready acceptance that is waitcatch the early train; had driven six ing for him, which is a pity, as, if I miles out from the station, in the teeth understood his extremely involved senof a biting north wind; had worked hard tences, he is hoping. I believe the felall day, and had hurried back to town, low wrote 'Pining,' or some such word, to dine this special evening at home this very afternoon. Wants to start out on the new year with a cartload of illusions and fantastic anticipations of present keen reproach, one intensified coming happiness. Happiness, with Louise Harrison!" 1 added sardonically. "Why, I venture to predict on next New

I poked the fire viciously, for I was

absurd affair The little girl must needs grow accustomed to the situation. The sooner the better.

"I'll send a note to him right off then, Tom," Sue said, hurriedly. "It will be my New Year greeting to him," and she laughed brightly.

But my car could detect a jangle in the sweet notes, "What infernal fools men are."

soliloquized, internally, and from the vantage ground of my old bachelorhood looked with supreme contempt on the blunders and misapprehensions 1 could note in the matrimonial ventures of my friends and acquaintances. by which they so determinately brought antold sorrows upon themselves, "Serves 'em right," I added, mer tally

"Harris, take this note around to Mr. Cameron and bring the answer," I directed to the butler, who answered the cell. "You'll be apt to find him in." Silence fell between us when the door had closed, and I lit a cigar.

Twilight had fallen, filling with its soft shadows the nooks and corners of the library, and outside the bustle and velope containing a note or letter, and animation of the street were greater than usual, for humanity, with its celebrate with fireworks and jollity the to a higher level. It is not only the all the ages, that not one of them can sive without reading it. "I can't see advent of the incoming year, which is turning over of the new leaf that is how this can interest you so keenly, as also one less in which the present generation can flaunt and display its folly.

"Well, little one," I said, finally, "it's about time to dress for dinner. By the bye, I put a small box from Tiffany on your plate."

"You are a dear old boy," she said putting her arms around my neck. I drew her down by my side and kept smoking, while she leaned her head confidingly and sorrowfully on my

A carriage dashed up to the house and I heard a pause and the hall door "Mr. Cameron," announced Harris.

As Sue bad started up and I was siting in shadow, Herbert Cameron evidently failed to perceive me.

"Did you believe it possible," he said, agitatedly and in a pleading voice, leaning forward with outstretched arms, that I could write such a letter to anyone but you? To anyone but the dearest and loveliest woman-

"Ahem!" I interposed, rising and eeming forward. "Good-evning, Camerou; glad to see you. Wish you a happy New Year. Hope you understood Susan's slight mistake in opening Miss Morrison's note." "Hush, man! Stop!" said Cameron,

nearly shaking my arm off. "I wrote that to Miss Waring. Of course you know that by an absurd mistake I put it in an envelope addressed to Miss Morrison, instead of the card I was sending her with a box of candy."

"Oh," I said, endeavoring to extricate my crushed and aching fingers. "Then-"

"Yes," said Cameron, in a low tone, turing establishments. and without releasing me. "Ask her, old fellow, to glorify this New Year for me! Ask her-"

"All right," I hastily interposed, ex-As Susan is a remarkably bright, For it had not escaped me that Sue's hastily retreating toward the door. tricating what was left of my hand and after the experiences of the Christmas so-

not to say a very brilliant girl, and one large eyes would brighten, and a ten- "Ask her yourself. I have no earthly

PASSING AWAY.

A Few Thoughts at the Close of the Year.

The year is dying in the night. It was but a little while ago that we took a stranger by the hand and gave him hearty welcome at Waring, the idol of my brotherly heart? the threshold, as a parting guest left us who should not return our way again. And now the sometime stranger has become a familiar, and he, too, passes out, and we shall see him no more. It carries with it nothing of sentimentality, but of a true and unreliable, small-souled young woman, lofty sentiment instead, that we should take whose vanity was as all-pervading as The letter was—well, a glance suf-ficed to inform me that it contained the perhaps be thought to hold close relation to the moral or to the religious life; but it is the astronomical feature of the year that gives it its most marked characteristic, and enables us to appropriate a wholesome lesson. For as it is to the position which out noticing the address I opened and the Creator has given this whirling world read the nonsensical thing. Do you of ours in its orbit that we owe the charms know, Tom, dear," continued Sue, and and the changes of the seasons, which serve in spite of her mortified distress, two to mark the movement of the hands on the lovely dimples crept in the corners of dial face of the year-now from sunlight to shadow, and again from withered leaves and cold and snow to the bloom, the radiance and warmth of summer-so it is, by these ever-varying changes we mark the progress of the year; and it is by the recurrence of a particular one, as that of the winter solstice, that we note the completion of another cycle. We look out during the day, and we see snow and sleet and barrenness on wood and field, which but a few weeks ago were clothed in verdure or decked with the beauty of the lilies. We look up to the heavens at night, and we miss the familiar constellations that greeted our eyes but a little while ago, and instead we see Orion, who comes with the cold and goes with it uncturing the west with his spear, while Sirius flashes upon the glistening earth the light of a blazing sun a thousandfold brighter than our own. As we note these and other changes we are also to realize, as otherwise e should not, that another year has passed, and that we are brought so much nearer the gates of eternity. It is but natural, too, at this time that tender memories of other days should come before us, and that we should think how one by one our friends have passed away—it seems so long ago!— and left us derolate. But to those of ad vanced years there is great compensation in the thought that every recurring year brings us nearer to them, brings us nearer the end of our journey. The way has been hard and weary at times, and as the loved ones have failen by the way it has become lonely traveling. But it will not be long now ome day not distant the gate will swing open for us, and then what a meeting that will be! Nor should we lament the swift flying years. Well has the poet said: Heaven gives our years of fading strength

Indemnifying fleetness, And those of youth a seeming length Proportioned to their sweetness."

The young may well rejoice at the pass ing away of the old year and the ushering in of the new with all its possibilities; but the hristian of maturer years is content, if h does not as spontaneously rejoice, that it brings him out of the storm into the caim, from out the shadows of earth into the radiance of eternity.-Christian Work.

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF,

The Making and Keeping of Good Resolutions Inevitable as the New Year itself is the crop of good resolutions that spring up with its advent. And often the question arises as to the value or de sirability of all these resolves. As far back as the days of Deborah and Barak. it was scornfully asked of what purpose were great resolves of heart if these resulted in no action, but were dissipated in mere talk, and dissolved into thin air when brought to the test? sorely grieved to note the pain way And it is as easy to-day to make resoluowing to their aloofness with the hard down in the depths of Sue's gray eyes. tions and not keep them as when the problems of life, those terrible conun- and purposely I spoke roughly of the Reubenites remained behind at the

> To make good resolutions is undoubtrdly a good thing, but to make, and then break them, cannot fail to have a demoralizing effect upon one. Not that it is always, or, perhaps ever, possible for us to live up to our own highest purposes, nor that because this is so, we should limit ourselves to low ideals. Far be it from us, we must aim as high as possible; falling then, we fail at least nearer the top. But to keep on making resolutions and allowing these easily to lose their hold upon us, to let slip the occasion when we see it, because we are "too tired," or in "too great a hurry," or "haven't time," or positively "don't care," and then to feel that we can make these same resolutions all over again when the mood serves, this is pernicious. For each time the resolve is let go means that much less self-respect, that much less tenacity and integrity of purpose, that much less

broken, and the great resolve has turned out to be a mere dead letter. The trouble is in being content with making the resolutions. This is only the beginning, and behind and beneath it must be the strong determination to usual lack of perspicacity, must needs keep to the resolve, to let it lift our life necessary, it is in making the contents of that leaf all that they should be until the time comes to turn the next, that the effort consists.-Washington Home Magazine.

power of holding on, for the record is

Good-By, Old Year! th, dear old year, I haven't been So very good to you. promised—sh, so many things promised—oh, so many t That I would surely do,

When you should come, and here you've Twelve months—it seems like more; And I'm no better than I was Last year or year before!

But kiss me quick—the New Year waits, (How good you are to say, That if I'll truly be to her, Good every single day

Last year won't cours). Well, take my hand, I truly mean to try, She's calling me to come with her-Good-by, Old Year, good-by! -Ellen Knight Bradford, in Washington

Home Magazine.

A Turned Lenf. What is written is written. The old year we cannot recall. That leaf in the book of our life is turned; it is closed; we may not

hange or erase a single mark. Regret over its black spots is all in vain. But a ner year opens to us a fair, clean page on which we may write what we list. Think you i will look a year hence as this one does w have just closed?-Golden Rule.

At Ruhrort, the coal and iron center of Germany, a scheme is being floated to erect a central station and distribute electrical energy for lighting and power to the many surrounding manufac

Quite in Order. How natural, if not necessary, to make

MOTTO ON THE DENTIST'S WALL Enraged the Suffering Patient But

Pleased the Tooth Puller.

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